

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously amended) A connector for a kite having spaced apart airfoil portions supported by two or more rods defining a kite frame, said connector comprising a junction portion having a saddle engageable with a said airfoil portion, and extending from said junction portion two or more legs open to receive said rods and relatively angled to maintain said airfoil portions in their said spaced apart relation.
2. (Previously amended) The connector according to Claim 1, including also a kite airfoil portion and in which said connector junction portion saddle engages said kite airfoil portion.
3. (Previously amended) The connector according to Claim 2, in which said kite airfoil portion is apertured, said connector junction saddle being received within said aperture to have its said legs on opposite sides of said airfoil portion.
4. (Previously amended) The connector according to Claim 2, in which said airfoil portion is apertured, and said connector junction saddle portion engages said airfoil portion aperture.
5. (Previously amended) The connector according to Claim 1, in which said connector comprises an elastomer.
6. (Previously amended) The connector according to Claim 1, in which each said rod exerts a force on said connector opposing a force exerted on said connector by a said airfoil portion.

7. (Currently amended) The connector according to Claim 1, in which said two or more legs are flexibly coupled to said junction portion at an angle and at an orientation that varies with forces exerted upon said junction portion by a said airfoil portion and said rods.

8. (Currently amended) The connector ~~of~~ according to Claim 1, wherein said connector is flexible.

9. (Currently amended) The connector ~~of~~ according to Claim 1, wherein said connector is symmetrical about a central axis.

10. (Previously amended) In combination: The connector according to Claim 1, and a flying toy having frame rods and an airfoil portion supported thereby.

11. (Previously amended) A kite, comprising:
a connector including two or more legs and a junction portion configured to form a saddle portion; and
two or more rods that couple to said two or more legs of said connector; and
an airfoil portion supported by said rods and comprising one or more edges that define at least one aperture;
wherein least one of said apertures engages said saddle portion.

12. (Previously amended) The kite according to Claim 11, in which said connector is flexible.

13. (Currently amended) The kite ~~of~~ according to Claim 11, wherein said rods and said airfoil portion exert opposing forces on said connector.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~connector of~~ kite according to Claim 13, wherein said two or more legs are coupled to said junction portion at an angle and an orientation, said connector being flexible such that said angle and said orientation varies with said forces exerted upon it by said airfoil and said rods.

15. (Previously amended) A kite comprising:
an airfoil portion having one or more edge apertures;
a connector including two or more legs coupled by a junction portion, thereby forming a saddle region; and
an airfoil portion supporting rod coupled to each of said two or more legs;
wherein one or more of said edge apertures are engaged with said saddle portion, said airfoil portion and said rods exerting opposing forces on said connector.

16. (Previously amended) The kite according to Claim 15, in which said connector comprises a flexible material.

17. (Previously amended) A method of assembling a kite having a frame comprising at least one rod and an airfoil portion supported by said frame, including:
inserting a connector having a saddle through an aperture defined in said airfoil portion of the kite such that said airfoil portion engages said saddle portion of said connector;
connecting said connector to said at least one rod; and
orienting said engaged airfoil portion to exert a force on said connector that is opposed by a force exerted by said connected rod on said connector.

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